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(54) **DEVICE FOR MAINTAINING SEPARATE INGREDIENTS IN LIQUID FOOD PRODUCTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A device for maintaining ingredients separately within a container, of the type having a removable container cap applied on a neck with a central opening, has a sub-container body mounted in the container neck which is formed with a proximate end having screw threads which can be engaged with internal screw threads in the container neck for holding them securely together to allow the ingredients to be shaken out of the sub-container body and mixed with fluid in the container. The sub-container body can have inner divider walls forming multiple compartments with respective orifices for dispensing ingredients selectively from the compartments. The sub-container body may be sealed to the underside of the cap with a sealing film, or sealed on the neck rim and held by the cap. In one version, the proximate end of the sub-container body has a protruding shape with inclined walls for guiding it into the neck opening. In other versions, the sub-container body is formed integrally with the container cap, or is formed as an annular ring shape carried between inner and outer flanges of the cap. These improved devices allow viscous or powdered ingredients to be mixed by shaking with fluid in the container without risk of spilling or splashing outside the container.

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